the difference between the prices charged and prices fixed for Betamethason and its salts and show the figure every year in their balance sheets;

(b) if so, what are the amounts shown in their balance sheets from 1982 to 1985 and whether the amount worked out by Glaxo were verified by Government;

(c) what were the reasons for non-fixation of prices of formulations based on these drugs along with the fixation of bulk drug prices;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to this Glaxo is only liable to pay the difference on bulk drugs whereas on formulation the company has been allowed to make unintended benefits; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken and what is the present status of writ petition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

(c) Prices of Betamethasone and its salts were reduced on 12th May, 1981. Before the formulation prices could be reduced M|s. Glaxo Labs. obtained stay from the Delhi High Court against the reduction in prices of bulk drugs and the proposed reduction in prices of formulation.

(d) and (e) Delhi High Court has not yet finally heard this case. The amount to be recovered, if any, would depend upon the judgement of the Court.

2219. [*Transferred to the 17th December,* 1985.]

Vacancies of functional directors in Public Sector Undertakings

2220. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of functional directors are lying unfilled as on the 15th November, 1985 in the Public Enterprises under his Ministry;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to appoint functional directors in the Enterprises; and

(c) how many of these vacancies are lying unfilled for over three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) There are 24 posts of Functional Directors lying vacant as on 15.11.1985.

(b) The requisite steps for filling up vacancies, where necessary have been taken.

(c) 18 vacancies have been in existence for over three months.

Indian delegation visit to Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries

2221. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Delegation recently visited Saudi Arabia and other oil producing gulf countries;

(b) whether India is reviewing its present three year oil import pact with Saudi Arabia for import of 2 million tonnes of crude; if so, at what stage the matter stands;

(c) whether terms of the fresh contract have been finalised by the Indian Oil Corporation and Saudi Company Petromin; and

(d) what are the spot purchases; if any; negotiated by this Delegation in view of the falling oil prices in the Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) An Indian delegation visited Saudi Arabia in the month of October, 1985.